

PARKS & RECREATION MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2007
6:30 P.M.

Call to Order: The Parks and Recreation Board met on the above date and time in the Council Chambers, 270 West 15th Street, Rushville. President David Hasecuster called the meeting to order. Members present were Wilma Jo Kile, Tim Shuppert, Jan Voiles and Denny Corn. Jack Harmon was absent. Also present were Parks Director Danny Mathews, Mayor Bob Bridges, Secretary Carla Sharpe, Attorney Julie Newhouse, Elizabeth Gist, *Rushville Republican*, Pool Manager Anita Carfield and Mike Sweet with Sweet's Advertising.

Minutes: Minutes of May 8, 2007 was presented for approval. Kile moved to approve May minutes. Voiles seconded. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Claims: Reviewed prior to meeting by Corn and Shuppert. Corn moved to approve the claims for the month. Shuppert seconded. Motion carried. Claims approved.

Unfinished Business: Anita Carfield – Pool Update – The pool opened on Monday, May 28th with a total of 90 patrons that day. Our biggest day for bathers was June 7th with a total of 293 for the day. Our average from opening through June 11th is 161 patrons per day. This is down slightly from last year when we had an average of 190 per day. We have been open every day since May 28th with the exception of graduation on June 3rd. Our average daily admission has been \$732.60 per day while our average concession's intake has been \$283.66. Overall, we have taken in \$10,256.40 in admissions and \$3971.35 in concessions. This total is up slightly from last year when we had a total of \$9769.50 in admissions and \$3044.84 in concessions.

We have sold 10 individual passes, 44 family passes, and 5 group passes. Last year at about this time we had sold 13 individual passes, 51 family passes, and 3 groups.

We are into our second week of evening swim lessons. We had 11 participants the first week and 8 this week. We will still be scheduling for morning lessons the weeks of July 9-13 and July 16-20. Please call the pool to schedule (932-7100). Ryan gave some training to the guards giving lessons. We are only allowing the guards who received the training to give lessons. This has seemed to help considerably, and I feel that the quality of our lessons has improved.

We have had one pool party so far this season with 17 more scheduled at this time. There are still openings, but I encourage people to call and schedule now as the weekend dates are filling quickly.

All of our guards and concession workers are doing a good job so far this season.

We have had some electrical problems with the slide, mushroom and concessions, but Dale Custer has been great to reach at any hour of the day and has come to our rescue on several occasions. I appreciate his willingness to be there to talk me through something or to show up at odd hours and work on a problem.

Raymond Gibson Day is scheduled for Sunday, July 22. We will be open until 6:00 P.M. during fair week. This is different than in the past when we closed at 4:00 P.M. We are looking forward to a good season.

Accept Bids on Painting Gazebo – Mathews shared with the board that he had sent out 4 responses for quotes and has heard back from two.

- 1) Lonnie Boyard - \$1,560.00 to paint the Gazebo
- 2) John Roberts - \$900.00 plus us furnishing the paint.
- 3) John Gridley – No response
- 4) Bret Wade – No response

Kile asked how much the paint would run. Mathews stated probably \$300 to \$350.

Corn questioned if these guys had Workman's Comp and Liability Insurance. Mathews stated he had no idea.

It was asked if the City had a policy on this.

Sharpe stated she thinks it's just a Parks Board issue.

Newhouse stated that the contractors should have both.

Kile moved to accept John Roberts bid for \$900.00 plus paint and demand him sign a liability waiver. Corn seconded. Motion carried.

Status on Booker T. Windows – Sharpe reported that she talked to Floyd Cole of Cole Windows and he has one of the windows custom built and that it should be in by this weeks end. Hunter green paint has also been picked out for the trim on windows.

Bridge Update – Mathews reported that the new bridge is done and submitted the bill to Sharpe for payment. This bridge is a little over 5 feet.

Corn stated they went to a lot more extreme then they quoted.

The total bill is for \$14,298.00. Mathews stated he wanted to pay \$1,298 out of Non Reverting 440 and the remaining \$13,000 out of Non Reverting 444.

Mathews then stated he would like to do a plaque to hang on the new bridge recognizing Bowles Construction, Davis Towing and Recovery and Brad Pike. These guys went over

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and above on this bridge and also worked on the pool. Their continued dedication and support to the Parks Department has been overwhelming.
Kile moved to authorize Mathews to purchase a plaque honoring these men for the new bridge. Corn seconded. Motion carried.

New Business: Mike Sweet – Sweet’s advertising – Discuss benches for Riverside Park – Explained to the board that he is wanting to put benches at the Amphitheater around the nature trail. He will be placing no less than 4 and no more than 6 benches on the walking trail with advertising on them. These benches will have scenic backgrounds with four ads per bench. Sweet’s will take care of the benches. These will have cement legs with treated wood seats.
No cost to City as he will sell sponsorships.
Shuppert stated he thought we were not allowing advertising in the parks.
Kile stated she sees where there will be a need for benches on the fitness trail.
Hasecuster stated he feels he should contact only the current sponsors.
Bridges stated that the school shelter sponsors weren’t uniform. Those signs were all different sizes.
Shuppert stated if we need benches he feels we need to do them ourselves.
Kile again stressed that we don’t want any advertising in the parks.
Shuppert stated we would just be opening up ourselves to others.
Hasecuster stated that it was the consensus of the board that we pass on advertising benches for Riverside Park as this board wants no advertising in the park.

Discuss Electrical Issue at Pool – Mathews shared with the board that we have an electrical issue at the pool. The breaker box under the slide has deteriorated really bad. Sharpe shared a letter from Jack Harmon in his absence at this time. Jack’s letter stated he visited the Waggoner Community Pool on Thursday, June 7th to look at the electrical issues.

He is very concerned about the current status of the electrical panel underneath the water slide that services the slide and the mushroom. Chlorine vapors and moisture have destroyed the box and have caused irreversible damage to all electrical components inside, nearly causing a fire.

Although a contractor made emergency repairs last week to get the pool up and running, I understand its current state. However, the panel and all interior components have rusted into pieces and must be replaced right away. The emergency repairs have bypassed the shutoff lever, making it a dangerous hazard. Should an emergency arise, the personnel on duty would have to go to another area of the grounds to de-energize the panel. Inside, all the switches have been destroyed and have been hotwired, bypassing all breakers, and that poses a serious safety and fire hazard. All these quick repairs in an area where water runs very near the box.

Please obtain quotes and get this equipment fixed professionally right away. Please make sure that they quote the box as 120/208V, 3-phase, and 60 Amp. They need to look inside to quote the exact configuration of breakers.

Although Code does not mandate materials used for the electrical box itself, the Code mandates that materials be used in accordance with the specified environment and use. In this environment, I would recommend a stainless steel box with heavy duty seals to protect the contents of the components.

I support immediate action needed to resolve the issue.

Mathews reported that he got a hold of Dale Custer and he got things going again on Monday.

Mathews said it definitely needs replaced as it is a safety issue. We just have a temporary fix right now.

Mathews will contact Rosfeld’s and Custer for an estimate.

Mathews said he feels it will cost somewhere around \$3,500. Needs to be a stainless steel panel.

Mathews also said at the end of this season he will have a contractor come up and go through all electric at the pool and replace breakers.

We’ve been very fortunate all these years but this needs attention now.

The board moved to allow Mathews to get quotes on the electrical issue and to call a Special meeting. This money will come out of Non-Reverting Pool Repairs.

Newhouse stressed getting three quotes then call a Special meeting.

Items not known in advance:

Larry Conover with the Park Restaurant was present requesting a parking lot for his employees. He would like this to be on the north side and will get a fence with gravel and make it nice.

A parking lot for his employees would help congestion. He would like to go 5 foot over the end of his building and go north. This will allow him to gain 7-10 parking spaces. Corn stated that the cooker is outside and that gets hot, he would like to see that behind the fence as well.

Conover said he will make it look nice and put up a white vinyl fence.
Mathews says he supports this.
Corn said he wasn't for this at first, but now that he has went and seen what he wants to do he thinks it makes sense.
Voiles stated she don't like it. She doesn't want a fence in the park. She doesn't like the idea of giving up any of the park for a parking lot. She said she is anticipating complaints.
Kile questioned the fence too.
Mathews said he feels the fence needs to be there as he doesn't want people just driving through the park.
Hasecuster suggested putting pipe ballards there.
Shuppert feels if we are putting a parking lot there we need to define it with a fence.
Conover said he is trying to accent the park too.
Kile moved to allow Larry to put a Parking lot north of the restaurant but to bring a sample of the fence for the board's approval. Shuppert seconded. Voiles opposed.
Motion carried 3-1.

Kile moved to pay Bowles Construction \$14,298.00 out of the Non Reverting Fund for the bridge work in the park. Corn seconded. Motion carried.

Corn questioned the painting of the pool. Mathews stated he only received one quote back.
Corn stated he feels we need to get on this and get quotes back to be approved at the next meeting.

Mathews stated there were bad areas in the walking trail in South Veterans Memorial Park. Some of the damage is from Conover and he has agreed to pay for the damage he did.
Gene Stanley turned in a quote for \$2,450. Conover has agreed to pay \$1,225 if we pay the other half.
Kile stated she feels it is important to keep maintaining this walking trail.
Shuppert stated he hates it that it's a common practice for the police department to travel down through the walking trail in their cars.
Mathews stated he's thrilled the police make an effort to go through the parks.
Kile moved to accept the quote from Stanley for \$2,450 with Conover paying \$1,225.
Corn seconded. Motion carried.

Mathews reported he has banned four kids from the park.
Bridges suggested sending registered letters to the kid's parents with a copy going to the Police Department.

Mathews will put benches on the walking trail at the Amphitheater.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

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ATTEST:

CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY